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SUBJ: PARA - ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE ON CIVIL AIR PROBLEMS

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1. EMBASSY AGREES WITH THE DESIRABILITY OF INCLUDING LANGUAGE ALONG LINES SUGGESTED ON CIVIL AIR MATTERS IN THE PARA GIVEN THE TWO DECADE LONG RECORD OF PROBLEMS WITH PHILIPPINE OFFICIAL AND CARRIER ATTITUDES. SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS ON PROPOSED LANGUAGE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

2. PART I. NO PROBLEM.

3. PART II. POLICY. WE BELIEVE THE HISTORY WILL SHOW THAT IT IS UNREALISTIC AT ANY TIME TO EXPECT PHILIPPINE ACCESSION TO A FULL BERMUDA AGREEMENT. THAT HISTORY WILL ALSO SHOW THAT FILIPINO OBJECTIONS DO NOT MERELY RESIDE IN DOUBTS ABOUT COMPETITIVENESS. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE FUTURE MARKET DEVELOPMENTS WILL SHOW OPPORTUNITY FOR SUBSTANTIALLY MORE U.S. CARRIER PARTICIPATION, ALTHOUGH THERE MAY BE A LULL FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS IN INDOCHINA. WE, THEREFORE, RECOMMEND THAT PART II READ AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE CONTINUE TO SEEK ARRANGEMENTS ON CIVIL AVIATION MATTERS WHICH WILL ENCOURAGE AND PROVIDE APPROPRIATE INDUCEMENTS TO THE FILIPINOS TO ACCEPT MORE OPEN COMPETITION FROM U.S. AIRLINES. ESPECIALLY IN ANY FUTURE COMPREHENSIVE ROUND OF TALKS WE SHOULD CONTINUE EFFORTS TO FIND A FORMULA OF AGREEMENT BASED ON BERMUDA PRINCIPLES."

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4. PART II. COURSES OF ACTION. NO PROBLEM.
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